

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) An operating device for a computer or the like, comprising a support for a human hand provided with at least one button positioned such that it can be operated by the extremity of a finger, said device comprising a bearing surface and a bulbous part, shaped in accordance with the shape of the human hand, arranged thereon, said bulbous part comprising a surface for the palm of the hand for supporting the mid section of the hand (metacarpus)/wrist section (carpus) of the operator, a central surface for supporting the proximal phalanges of the fingers and a distal surface for supporting the medial phalanges and distal phalanges, wherein said distal surface is at an angle (α) of approximately 75° with said bearing surface.

2. (original) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the angle (δ) between the central surface and the distal surface is approximately 45° .

3. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein said surface for the palm of the hand is at an angle of approximately 15° to said support.

4. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the central surface and surface for the palm of the hand laterally are at an angle ϕ of approximately 10° with respect to the bearing surface, rotated over the longitudinal axis (axis formed by hand and lower arm) in the direction of the little finger, supination, with, as a result, maximum relaxation of hand, lower arm, neck and shoulders.

5. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein there is a seat for the thumb made close to the end limit of said bulbous part.

6. (original) The device as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said seat extends at an angle γ of approximately 40° with respect to the adjacent part.

7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein, close to said button, said distal surface is made with a cavity corresponding to the shape of the finger, with a radius of curvature (r) of less than 60 mm.

8. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, comprising two buttons that can be operated by two adjacent fingers, the centre-to-centre distance (a) of said buttons being 16 - 17 mm.

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